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PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute offers Predoctoral Fellowships in Biological Sciences. This program promotes excellence in biomedical research by helping prospective researchers with exceptional promise to obtain high-quality graduate education. The predoctoral fellowships are three-year awards, and the Institute plans to award a total of eighty predoctoral fellowships annually. Fellows are required to enroll full time in programs leading to a Ph.D. or Sc.D. degree in one of the biological sciences, such as: biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, microbiology, structural biology and more. For more information, contact **Sophie Twichell** (x877).

PATTERSON RETURNS FROM BOLIVIA

MacArthur Curator **Bruce Patterson** (Zoology, Mammals) returned last week from Bolivia, where he worked with Nuria Bernal of the Coleccion Bolivia de Fauna in La Paz (CBF). Nuria is a graduate of our Advanced Training Program for Conservation Biology and is seeking to establish an internationally recognized research program. The two traveled by four-ton truck to the Argentine frontier, crossing 2400 km of mostly unpaved roads. The highpoint of the trip was collecting seven specimens of an undescribed genus and species of leaf-eared mouse from the province of Tarija. However, most of their collections help to fill gaps in the Field Museum's encyclopedic Andean collections and add new taxa to the national collection. This expedition and the AquaRAP of Spring 1997 (led by Zoology Chair **Barry Chernoff** and Director of Environmental and Conservation Programs **Debby Moskovits**) have inaugurated a new phase of collaboration and interchange between The Field Museum and her sister institution in La Paz, and the CBF welcomes interactions with other interested parties.

REESE RETURNS FROM GREECE AND CYPRUS

Adjunct Curator **David S. Reese** (Anthropology) has recently returned from two and a half months of zooarchaeological research in Greece and Cyprus. Most of his time was spent in eastern Crete where he studied animal bones and shells from American excavations at Mochlos and Chrysokamino, shells from American excavations at Kavousi, and shells from British excavations at Palaikastro. Reese also spent a week in early July teaching environmental

archaeology and working on a faunal collection at Athienou, an archaeological field school sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

ECLECTIC FIELD CREW RETURNS FROM WYOMING

Curator **Lance Grande** (Geology) and his field crew returned from a wet but productive fossil collecting trip in fifty-million-year-old limestone beds of southwestern Wyoming. The usually dry desert climate was replaced this year with nightly rain and thunderstorms, making camping conditions difficult. Lance's crew included Collections Manager **Greg Buckley** (Geology), **Jim Holstein** (Geology), Administrative Assistant **Erica Blair** (Zoology), Yoshitaka Yabumoto (Kitakyushu Museum, Japan), Deb Webster (Smith College, Massachusetts), Bridget Buckley, Terry Grande, Lauren Grande and Elizabeth Grande. Also on site for part of the trip was the hard-working Associate Curator **Scott Lidgard** (Geology) and his son Dan. Several important finds this year (mostly fossil fishes) included the discovery of the first pike from the Green River Formation. The specimen is a beautifully preserved complete skeleton of a new species of *Esox*. The person who made the actual discovery was Mr. Robert Kronner of Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. Kronner, who quarries the Green River fossils for a living, generously donated the specimen to Lance and The Field Museum. Lance will name the fish after Mr. Kronner in appreciation. It is truly remarkable that, after excavation of several million fishes from the Green River Formation over the last 100 years, this is the first specimen belonging to the pike family (Esocidae) ever found in the formation.

DOCKET REPORT

Last Thursday night Stanley Field Hall reverberated with the sound of bagpipes from the Chicago Police Department's Emerald Society, Irish folk music by Broaders and Moore, and the tapping feet of the Trinity Irish dancers. With the culture of Ireland as its theme, last week's Downtown Thursday night was a huge success, with over 1900 Chicagoans taking in the food and festivities.

Anna Deavere Smith, an innovative playwright, actor and social critic who has been recognized for her insightful and arresting work on issues of race, gender and class, has agreed to be the keynote speaker for the Museum's African Heritage Festival on Sunday, February 1, 1998. Her lecture-presentation is entitled "Snapshots: Glimpses of America in Change."

On a less uplifting note, we learned last week that one of the Malvina Hoffman sculptures located near the Jade Room has been damaged. The statue, "Ainu Man," is posed with a staff that has been badly bent. Plans are underway to assess the damage and develop a plan for possible repair of this statue. The need to review security procedures overall and specifically in connection with protecting the Hoffman sculptures was discussed.

Other issues of note discussed were the continued strength of our attendance, concerns regarding the effect of parking issues on the Museum's attendance and the possibility of securing additional funding to extend the Museum Campus trolley service. Our future participation in the city's

TO: The Museums

FROM: Bob Glazebrook
Soldier Field

DATE: August 26, 1997

RE: Museum Employee Parking

Based on our meeting today, I have prepared the following outline for employee parking through the end of this year:

Date	Event	Start Time	Employee Parking
8/30/97	Chicago Classic	4:00pm	Parking till 6:00pm in the planetarium w/no employees in east lot.
9/7/97	Bears vs Minn	noon	Parking in the Monroe garage w/employee daily coupon (no monthly coupon). Shuttle to start (5) five hours before game time through 6:30pm.
9/14/97	Bears vs Detroit	noon	
10/12/97	Bears vs Green Bay	noon	
11/2/97	Bears vs Washington	noon	
11/16/97	Bears vs N.Y.Jets	noon	
11/23/97	Bears vs Tamps	noon	
12/7/97	Bears vs Buffalo	noon	
10/5/97	Bears vs New Orlean	7:00pm	Planetarium parking lot till 5:00pm. No employees in east lot. Need to resolve 25 employee cars.
9/23/97 9/25/97	Rolling Stones	7:30pm	Employees park in Planetarium lot till 5:30pm. Thursday, Ten (10) Adler cars and twelve Shedd cars to park in west lot at 5:00pm. Field to have employees on east lot till 3:30pm.
10/3/97	Valpo/Yale	8:00pm	Normal daily parking due to small attendance.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day	**2**	**3** LBrown-4:30-12:00am Entire Museum	**4** Domina Amjet-SFH 5:30pm-8:30pm 250 Droder-Rice 4:00pm-10:00pm	**5** Overnight	**6** T-Cynthia MR
7 T-Laurie *SF-Bear's Game 12:00 noon*	**8** LBrown-Entire Museum 4:30-midnight	**9**	**10** LBrown-Entire Museum 4:30-midnight	**11** T-Cynthia LBrown-Entire Museum 4:30-midnight	**12** Vascular Surgeons; SFH 7:00pm-9:00pm; 250	**13** St. Margaret's SFH 5:00pm-11:00pm; 600 JCarter-SFH 9:00am-2:00pm MR
14 6:00pm-10:00pm CEO; SFH 500 *SF-Bear's Game 12:00 noon*	**15**	**16** RCundiff-Rice 75 6:00pm-10:00pm	**17** Hewlett Packard SFH 6:00pm-11:00pm 600	**18**	**19** Physician's World SFH 300	**20**CancerWellnes SFH/balcony-600 7:30pm-11:30pm; Neighbor's Day; 10:00am-3:00pm Merch Mart-JST
21 Merchandise Mart SFH/JST-750 *SF-CTA Rodeo*	**22** Honda; SFH/balcony 7:00pm-10:00pm; 2500 *SF-CTA Rodeo*	**23** CKatzenmeyer-Dev-Rice 6:00pm-11:00pm *SF-Rolling Stones* *SF-CTA Rodeo*	**24** VHA-Rice 6:30pm-10:30pm 120	**25** P. Stratton SFH Celebracion-JST *SF-Rolling Stones*	**26** Children's Heart; SFH 800 7:00pm-11:00pm Celebracion-JST	**27** 20/30 Club; SFH/bal 8:00pm-2:00am; 1500 Celebracion-JST *SF-Chicago Classic*
28 *SF-Postal Service Rodeo*	**29** PStratton-Volunteer Recp 5:30pm-7:30pm	**30**Deloitte & Touche 7:00pm-11:00pm 200				

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"BOOK-ABLE" SPACES IN FIELD MUSEUM
1/6/95

SPACE	LOC	MAX	USE	SCHEDULE BY	CONTACT	EXT.	
Classroom 1	GF	50	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 2	GF	40	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 3	GF	30	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Conf. Room 1	GF	20	I	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room A	GF	16	I	Instit. Adv.	Adam Shapiro	617	Restricted use
Dining Room B	GF	4	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C	GF	6	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C/D	GF	20	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room D	GF	12	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room E	GF	75	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
D&P Conf. Room	4th	10	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Educ. Conf. Room	GF	14	I S	Education	Clara Aytch-Baker	247	
Developers Conf. Rm.	4th	8	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Founder's Room	1st	100	I S	Tours	Dorothy Roder	862	Restricted use
Montgomery Ward H.	GF	150	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Lecture Hall II	GF	75	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic East (Sch)	GF	320	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic West (Pub)	GF	125	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Rice Center	1st		P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Simpson Theatre	GF	1000	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Zoology Clrm.	3rd	50	I	Zoology	Norann Miller	255	
Webber Resource	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Maori Meeting House	2nd	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Pawnee Earth Lodge	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Place for Wonder	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Stanley Field Hall	1st	35	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
EXHIBIT HALL: Permanent Exhibits			P S	Spec. Events	Carol Konieczny	218	} Exhibits Dept.
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I = Internal (meetings, etc.)

P = Public (Programs, Classes, etc.)

S = Special Events

Downtown Thursday Night programming is under review based on costs and staff efforts in relation to the program's positive impact on the Museum. A special note of recognition to the Education Department for excellent programming of this summer's events. -- **Felisia Wesson**

Welcome!

Christine Fiene joined the Museum on Monday, August 8, as operations manger for the Museum Stores. Christine has extensive store management experience at Henri Bendel, Bonwit Teller and Gimbel's Midwest. Christine will be responsible for managing store operations, supervising store personnel as well as developing training and policy/procedures manuals for the Museum Stores. Welcome Christine! -- **Laura Sadler**

EVERYTHING MUST GO! -- Huge Crate Giveaway!

The Anthropology department is getting rid of its collection of excellent condition, low-mileage packing crates. The crates are in the hall at the back of Hall G. Just go there, tape a bright pink sign with your name on the crate or crates you want and remove by SEPTEMBER 30. Hall G is the hall scheduled for the Life Underground exhibit and can be found on the ground floor at the bottom of stairwell 6. Crates not taken away will be thrown away. -- **Will Grewe-Mullins**

Congratulations!

To **Nancy Walsh** (former Academic Affairs staff member) and her husband Ted Vial, on the birth of their baby, Theodore Aubrey Walsh Vial. No other details known, except they all moved toVirginia last Thursday. -- Submitted by **Mark Alvey**

We extend our deepest sympathies to the friends and family of **Steve Borysewicz** (former Museum Affairs staff member) who was killed in a motorcycle accident in Galena on Saturday.

Around Town

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs has informed us of a Performance-Opera, "Bosch tapped the gas pedal and the caprice moved forward ..." presented by the Blue Rider Theater and Sister Cities International on Friday and Saturday, August 29 and 30 at 8:00 p.m. ($10 or pay what you can). The Blue Rider Theater is located at 1822 South Halsted, phone #312/733-4668.

The *Natural News* is edited by **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. The deadline for all submissions -- in WordPerfect on floppy disk or via email to klyce@fmppr.fmnh.org -- is Tuesday at noon. Printed on recycled paper. ♻

CONSERVATION TRAINING CONSORTIUM BEGINS

The Autumn 1997 Session of the Conservation Training Consortium (CTC) has begun, and a very diverse group of participants arrived on August 25. Below are the brief résumés for the six participants. As you will read, we have added Bangladesh, Cambodia and Tanzania to our growing list of ATP/CTC countries. We hope you will have the opportunity to interact with the participants at one of the many formal or informal activities we have planned throughout the Autumn.

Christine Dranzoa from **Uganda**: Ms. Dranzoa is a Senior Lecturer in the Institute of Environmental and Natural Resources at Makerere University in Kampala. She received her Ph.D. in Zoology 1996 and her M.Sc. in Ecology and Wildlife Management in 1990, both from Makerere University. Her dissertation was on bird populations of primary and logged forests in Kibale Forest National Park. Ms. Dranzoa works with several nongovernmental organizations to conduct faunal surveys of a variety of habitats, and to develop plans for managing protected areas. Doug Stotz of The Field Museum will serve as her individual project advisor.

Mysore Madhusudan from **India**: Mr. Madhusudan is a Biologist with the Centre for Ecological Research and Conservation in Mysore. He received his M.S. in Wildlife Science in 1995 at the Wildlife Institute of India, in affiliation with Saurashtra University. His thesis was on the population ecology and demography of the Nilgiri tahr, a highly-endangered mountain goat. He is currently studying how illegal hunting impacts large mammal abundance in tropical evergreen and deciduous forests in southern India. Bob Lacy of Brookfield Zoo will serve as his individual project advisor.

Alvin Mugasha from **Tanzania**: Mr. Mugasha is a Tutor and the Head of the Biology Department at the Teachers' Training College in Dar es Salaam. He received his M.Sc. in Botany in 1995, and his Bachelor of Education in 1989, both from the University of Dar es Salaam. His Master's thesis was on the problems caused by the introduction of water hyacinth into Lake Victoria. He is interested in how freshwater bodies are negatively impacted by the introduction of domestic and industrial wastes, as well as exotic plants and animals. He is involved with the Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project, a multinational restoration program. Roger Klocek of the Shedd Aquarium will serve as his individual project advisor.

Zolalaina Randriarimalala from **Madagascar**: Ms. Randriarimalala is the Assistant Technical and Scientific Coordinator of Conservation International's Madagascar Program. She received her Master's degree in Plant Ecology in 1992 from the University of Antananarivo. She is exploring ways to use forest resources in a sustainable fashion, while at the same time conserving genetic, species and ecosystem diversity. She also has experience with developing an ecotourism program and with village participation in protected area management activities. Robin Foster of The Field Museum will serve as her individual project advisor.

Mohammad Zashim Uddin from **Bangladesh**: Mr. Uddin is an Ecologist with the Bangladesh National Herbarium in Dhaka. He received is M.Sc. in 1995 and his B.S. in 1993, both in Botany from the University of Dhaka; his master's thesis was on the ecology of the Brahmaputra River and its floristic composition. He is working on the National Conservation Strategy Implementation Project, and is responsible for conducting floral surveys that can be used for making conservation decisions. Mr. Uddin also has research experience on pond and forest ecology. Tom Poulson of the University of Illinois at Chicago will serve as his individual project advisor.

Lic Vuthy from **Cambodia**: Mr. Lic Vuthy is the Chief of Wildlife Research with the Department of Forestry and Wildlife in Phnom Penh. He received his B.S. in Forestry from the Royal University of Agriculture in Cambodia in 1991. Mr. Lic Vuthy is directing the first overall survey and systematic study of wildlife in Cambodia in several decades. For the past several years, he has worked with researchers with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), and in 1996 he was the Team Leader of the Large Mammal Surveys in Eastern Cambodia. Joel Brown of the University of Illinois at Chicago will serve as his individual project advisor.

The CTC Faculty Seminar Series began on Wednesday with a seminar by Conservation Ecologist **Robin Foster** (Environmental and Conservation Programs) on "Heterogeneity in Tropical Forests". The weekly seminars will be held **Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.** at the **University of Illinois at Chicago in 4289 SEL.** A second series of seminars will include the participants speaking on conservation-related activities in their own countries. These talks will be held at UIC on **Tuesdays at Noon in 230 SES**. CTC Director **Wendy Jackson** will distribute the schedules as soon as they are finalized.